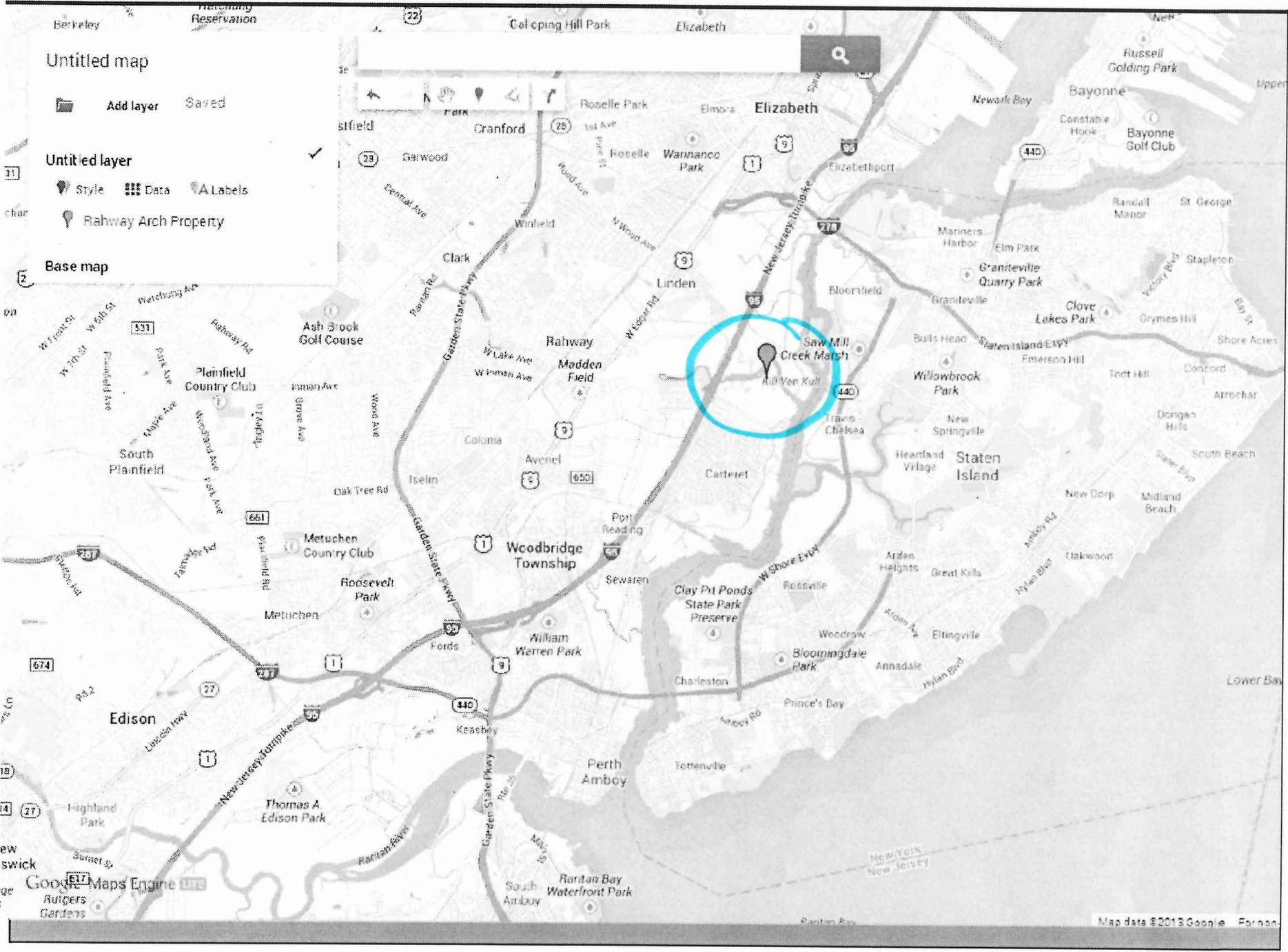


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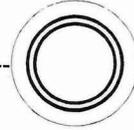
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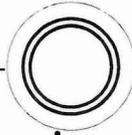
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WHY WE OPPOSE THE PROJECT



- Soil Safe proposes to pile up to 29 feet of contaminated soil on top of sludge ponds and unreinforced dirt berms. Internal DEP engineer reviews of the project warn that the cap will likely collapse into the river and surrounding wetlands.
- DEP staff also question the logic of introducing new contaminants to the property as a way to “clean it up.” Soil Safe claims the project needs to “remediated” but testing does not support claims that the site is heavily contaminated. Currently, there is a DEP-issued No Further Action letter for the property which says that it was sufficiently cleaned by previous owners.
- All DEP staff concerns about the project are being overridden by the NJDEP’s top staff.

Opposition Continued.....



- A standard cap to seal contamination is 2 feet. DEP reviews question why this site requires a cap up to 29 feet. (They originally proposed 40 feet.)
- The company has a history of violations at their other sites in New Jersey.
- There are 10 state threatened and endangered species on the property.
- The facility is permitted to accept up to 7000 tons per day, which would be 340 trucks. No truck route has been provided.
- The DEP application process has been unorthodox, allowing for repeated revisions and issuing conditional permits before the application was even complete.
- The project has numerous political connections (Senators Sweeney, Smith, and Lesniak). We fear Governor Christie is ignoring flooding and toxic pollution problems to make political allies happy.